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In re Application of:)
Paul HAVERSTOCK *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 2756
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For: WEB SERVER WITH AUTOMATED WORKFLOW

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, at lines 6-7, after the heading Related Applications, please delete "Attorney Docket No. 52817.000033" and insert therefore --Serial No. 09/100,131--.

On page 1, at lines 7-8, after the heading Related Applications, please delete "Attorney Docket No. 52817.000034" and insert therefore --Serial No. 09/100,130--.

On page 1, at line 9, after the heading Related Applications, please delete "Attorney Docket No. 52817.000036" and insert therefore --Serial No. 09/100,128--.

On page 1, at line 10, after the heading Related Applications, please delete "Attorney Docket No. 52817.000056" and insert therefore --Serial No. 09/100,118--.

On page 1, at line 11, after the heading Related Applications, please delete "Attorney Docket No. 52817.000057" and insert therefore --Serial No. 09/100,117--.

On page 1, at line 12, after the heading Related Applications, please delete "Attorney Docket No. 52817.000058" and insert therefore --Serial No. 09/100,119--.

On page 1, at line 14, after the heading Related Applications, please delete "Attorney Docket No. 52817.000059" and insert therefore --Serial No. 09/100,120--.

On page 1, at line 15, after the heading Related Applications, please delete "Attorney Docket No. 52817.000060" and insert therefore --Serial No. 09/100,121--.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 21, and 23 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A [client/] server system for facilitating one or more object management tasks, of a server, [that comprise] associated with one or more non-markup language objects, the system comprising:

a server;

one or more [non-markup] databases, in communication with the server, comprising one or more non-markup language objects [, in communication with the server];

[a client comprising a browser, the browser being operable to communicate a request to the server to access the one or more non-markup language objects;] and

a workflow module that facilitates one or more object management tasks, of the server, associated with the one or more non-markup language objects according to a predefined process [that comprise the one or more non-markup language objects according to a predefined process], wherein the workflow module performs the one or more object management tasks without requiring user input.

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3. (Amended) The system of claim 2, wherein the workflow module distributes[, routes, and tracks] the one or more objects according to the [predetermined] predefined process.

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8. (Amended) A [client/] server system facilitating one or more object management tasks, of a server, [that comprise] associated with one or more non-markup language objects, the system comprising:

server means;

[non-markup language] database means, in communication with the server means, for storing one or more non-markup language objects;

[browser means for communicating a request to the server means to access the one or more non-markup language objects;] and

workflow means for facilitating one or more object management tasks, of the server, means [that comprise] associated with the one or more non-markup language objects according to a predefined process, wherein the workflow module performs the one or more object management tasks without requiring user input.

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10. (Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the workflow means distributes[, routes, and tracks] the one or more [objects] non-markup language objects [within the one or more database means] according to the [predetermined] predefined process.

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15. (Amended) A method for facilitating one or more object management tasks, of a server, [that comprise] associated with one or more non-markup language objects, the method comprising the steps of:

storing one or more non-markup language objects in one or more databases;

determining a workflow process to apply to one or more non-markup language objects [stored in one or more databases]; and

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applying the workflow process to the one or more non-markup language objects, wherein
the workflow process performs one or more object management tasks relating to the one or more
non-markup language objects without requiring user input.

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17. (Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising the [steps] step of
distributing[, routing, and tracking] the one or more non-markup language objects according to
the workflow process.

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21. (Amended) An electronic storage medium having code embodied therein for
causing a [processing system] processor to facilitate one or more object management tasks, of a
server, [that comprise] associated with one or more non-markup language objects, the medium
comprising:

communicating code that causes a processor to enable a server to communicate with one
or more databases comprising one or more non-markup language objects; and

workflow facilitating code that causes a [computer] processor to facilitate workflow of
one or more object management tasks, of the server, [that comprise] associated with the one or
more non-markup language objects according to a predefined process, wherein the workflow
module performs the one or more object management tasks without requiring user input.

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23. (Amended) The medium of claim 21, wherein the workflow facilitating code
distributes[, routes, and tracks] the one or more [objects] non-markup language objects [within
the one or more database means] according to the [predetermined] predefined process.

Please add the following new claims:

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--26. The system of claim 1, wherein the workflow module routes the one or more
objects according to the predefined process.

27. The system of claim 1, wherein the workflow module tracks the one or more objects according to the predefined process.

28. The system of claim 8, wherein the workflow means routes the one or more objects according to the predefined process.

29. The system of claim 8, wherein the workflow means tracks the one or more objects according to the predefined process.

30. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of routing the one or more non-markup language objects according to the workflow process.

31. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of tracking the one or more non-markup language objects according to the workflow process.

32. The medium of claim 21, wherein the work flow facilitating code routes the one or more objects according to a predefined process.

33. The medium of claim 21, wherein the work flow facilitating code tracks the one or more objects according to the predefined process.--

REMARKS

This is a response to an Office Action mailed December 28, 1999 (Office Action). The Office Action has been reviewed, and in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments, reconsideration, and allowance of all of the claims pending in the application are respectfully requested.

Personal Interview

Applicants thank Examiners Kang and Maung for courtesies extended during a personal interview conducted with Applicants under signed representative on April 10, 2000. The Examiners proposed an amendment that would probably overcome the art of record and be